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For: CONTROLLER FOR ELECTRONIC POWER STEERING APPARATUS

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•**Assignment for Published Patent Application:** NSK, LTD.

•**Title:** Controller for electronic power steering apparatus Controller for electric power steering apparatus

Verification for the requested correction(s) is indicated on the Assignment and Declaration filed September 5, 2006.

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## Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a 371 of PCT/JP05/04143 03/03/2005

## Foreign Applications

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The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US10/591,589**

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**Title**

Controller for electronic power steering apparatus  
 Controller for electric power steering apparatus

**Preliminary Class**

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and executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America therefor on \_\_\_\_\_; and

Whereas, NSK Ltd.  
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NSK STEERING SYSTEMS Co., Ltd.  
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(assignee), desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in the application and invention, and to any United States patents to be obtained therefor;

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I/We hereby authorize and request our attorneys SUGHRUE MION, PLLC of 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20037-3213 to insert here in parentheses (Application number PTC/JP2005/004143 and Confirmation number \_\_\_\_\_, filed March 3, 2005) the filing date and application number of said application when known.

Date: August 29, 2006 s/ Masahiro Fukuda  
Masahiro FUKUDA

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ s/ \_\_\_\_\_

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the specification of which is attached hereto

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March 05, 2004  
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